

AFFAIRS OF THE DISTRICT

A Gate Placed Across a Private Alley Occasions Enquiries.

Discontinuance of Twenty-three Arc Lamps Recommended—Proposed Improvement of U Street—New Appointments of Police Privates.

Mr. James Wood, of 40 Ivy Street southeast, recently addressed the Commissioners complaining of the condition of the alley in square 693, also of the gate which has been placed at the entrance of the alley.

It would appear from the wording of the subdivision creating this alley that it is a private one, and as such is not under the control of the Commissioners as far as removing the gate is concerned, and I recommend the writer be so advised.

At the suggestion of Clifford Howard, Acting Secretary to the Board of Commissioners, the matter was referred to Attorney R. Duvall, for the District, who said that on May 15, 1873, the owner of original lot 19, in square 693, recorded in the Office of the Surveyor a subdivision of said lot into lots 21 to 26, inclusive, with alley ten feet wide for the sole use and benefit of said subdivision.

The original application with the opinion of the Attorney was referred by the Commissioners to the Assessor, who has now reported recommending that the alley be exempt from taxation in 1888.

It has been the rule of this office to recognize all alleys laid out in subdivisions as public alleys, unless specially designated as private alleys, and when a subdivision is recorded in the Surveyor's office, showing an alley opening to a street, or to another alley, it has been considered as dedicated to the District, notwithstanding the fact that in many cases it is expressly declared to be for the sole use and benefit of the subdivision.

As the Commissioners have approved this opinion, I recommend that an order be issued in accordance with the report of the Surveyor be directed to designate said alley by a distinctive number that it may be correctly referred to in the records of this office for taxation.

Walter C. Allen, the Electrical Engineer, has informed the Commissioners that there remains a balance of \$2,500 of the appropriation for the maintenance of additional arc lamps established during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901.

The recommendation of Major Sylvester that Private C. H. Hopper be promoted to the position of private in Class II of the police force, and that W. G. Crawford, if moved, has been approved, to take effect July 1.

The Commissioners yesterday referred to their Attorney for his opinion the request of the Electrical Engineer, who recommended the following named streets: Between East Capitol and A Streets northeast, on Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Streets, and also on Ninth Street between East Capitol and A Streets northeast.

Mr. Allen states that with the exception of the nine lamps on M Street, between Eighth and Ninth Streets, and so selected as not to seriously interfere with the general illumination of the streets.

Andrew R. Duvall, the Attorney for the District, yesterday sent to the Commissioners his opinion upon the application of M. J. Griffith, for John Carroll, for a tax deed on lot 3, square 56, based on the tax sale made January 24, 1888.

Mr. Griffith clearly appears whether two tax deeds were issued or not. Mr. Griffith, in his letter to the Commissioners, states that he did not mean to pay the tax deed based on the former tax sale of January 24, 1888.

A few days ago a petition signed by Emanuel Speich and others praying for the improvement of that portion of the street lying between the intersection of M Street and the existing pavement between Second Street and the Moore and Harbour tract, being within 200 feet of the second street, was laid seven years ago under the permit system under which the property owners paid one-half of the expense of the improvement.

C. B. Hunt, the Computing Engineer, in reporting upon the petition, recommends that they be informed that the Commissioners should be notified to pay the street referred to with asphalt block, except under the provisions of the permit system.

Acting upon the recommendation of Major Sylvester, the Commissioners have voted to appoint James P. Barrett as regular street crossing policeman, vice Curd, police force. By the terms of the same recommendation James McCrory is to be appointed substitute, vice Barrett, prominent in the case.

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THE AYRES CASE ENQUIRY. Additional Testimony to Be Presented to the Grand Jury. The grand jury will today meet in special session to hear additional testimony relative to the killing of James Seymour Ayres, Jr., at the Kemmer Hotel on the night of May 15 last.

CONCESSIONS TO THE WEATHER. Police Court Attorneys May Appear in Shirt Waists. The chances are that if the excessive-heat in connection with an innovation in the United States branch of the police courts will be made today.

REWARD FOR A MISSING GIRL. Local Police Asked to Locate a Pennsylvania Child. Major Sylvester yesterday received a circular from A. C. Patterson, Chief of Police of Brownsville, Pa., offering a reward of \$25 for information which will lead to the ascertaining of the whereabouts of Minnie Pearl McCracken, alias 'Minnie Pearl,' who left her home in Baltimore, Md., on the night of Tuesday, June 18.

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